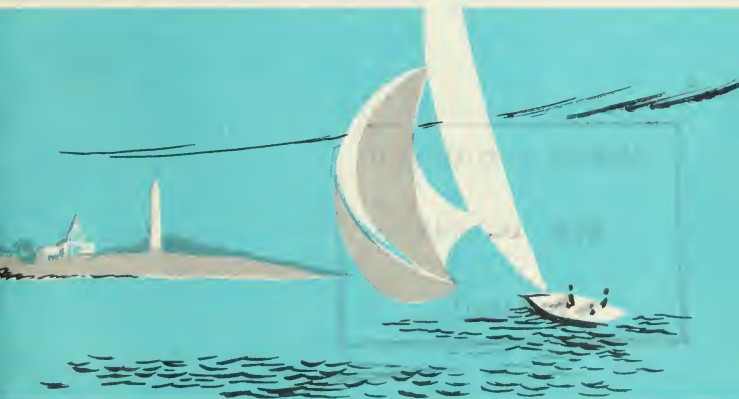




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is an objective of the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Washington area residents and visitors to the National Capital are invited to make the parks their own—to visit them and to enjoy the facilities provided.

To make the parks more meaningful and available, a “Parks for All Seasons” program has been arranged by the National Capital Parks staff. A variety of activities of recreational, educational, and inspirational value is planned.

In this publication is given information about parks in the Washington area and some of the recurring recreational and cultural activities.

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In past years, a chronological listing of events from April through October has been incorporated as a part of the National Capital Parks activities booklet.

In order to list the large number of events planned for this year and to have the information as up-to-date as possible, monthly listings of events will be issued for the months of April through October.

If you wish to receive the monthly listings, call 381-7396 or write to Public Affairs Office, National Capital Parks, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC. 20242.



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Antietam National Battlefield Site and Cemetery: This site of a strategic battle of the Civil War lies north and east of Sharpsburg, Md. It can be reached via State Routes 34 and 65 from U.S. 40 and 40A and I. 70. A visitor center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Telephone: 301-432-5124.

Campfire programs are given on Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day at Antietam Creek Campground on the C. & O. Canal, about 5 miles from the battlefield. The campground can be reached via Harpers Ferry Road from Sharpsburg, Md.

Battleground National Cemetery: 6625 Georgia Avenue NW. The cemetery was established in 1864 after the Confederate attack on Washington, culminating in the Battle of Fort Stevens. Telephone: 381-7284.

Carter Barron Amphitheatre: Outdoor theater in Rock Creek Park adjacent to 16th Street and Colorado Avenue NW., can be reached via 14th and 16th St. bus lines. Special buses available after each performance. Parking space is provided. Programs from early June through Labor Day feature musicals, operettas, symphony concerts, folk music, ballet, and variety shows with outstanding guest artists. Schedule available about May 1. Tickets are on sale at Carter Barron Amphitheatre Box Office, Rock Creek Park; and at the Super Music City Box Office, 1344 F St. NW., Washington, D.C. Telephone: 882-2620 or 783-2300.

Catoctin Mountain Park: This 5,765-acre park, on the easternmost ridge of Maryland's Appalachian Province, is 65 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., on State Route 77, 3 miles west of Thurmont, Md. Telephone: 301-824-2574 or 2575.

Demonstrations of Mountain crafts will be held throughout the day on the weekends of June 20-21, July 3-5, and 18-19; August 1-2, 15-16, 29-30, and September 5-7.

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Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: This 140-year-old waterway extends 185 miles from Georgetown, D.C., to Cumberland, Md. The short narrow levels of the canal in Georgetown afford picturesque views. Upstream, the canal traverses the Potomac River flood plain which is ideally suited for nature study. The area is accessible all year via the towpath. Canoeing, boating, camping, hiking, fishing, picnicking, and ice skating are among the recreational facilities you may enjoy. Park Naturalists and Historians conduct guided trips along the towpath and tours aboard oldtime mule-drawn barges (see BARGE TRIPS). Telephone: 381-7343 or 381-7417.

Campfire programs are held each Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day at the North Branch picnic area on the C. & O. Canal, reached by Route 51 from Cumberland, Md. (see also ANTIETAM.)

Custis-Lee Mansion, "Arlington House": This memorial to Robert E. Lee, located in Arlington National Cemetery, is reached from Washington by crossing Arlington Memorial Bridge. The Mansion is open daily 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., winter months). Fee for persons 16 and over, 50 cents. Free printed and rental audio self-guiding tours available. Short film program presented intermittently throughout the day. Telephone: 381-7417 or 692-9883.

Dumbarton Oaks Park: In Georgetown, 27 acres of wooded land within a stream valley, with interesting plant and bird life. Entrance is from Lovers Lane on R Street near Avon Place. Bird and flower walks in April and May. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from early spring to late fall. Telephone: 381-7284.

Ford's Theatre and House Where Lincoln Died: Ford's Theatre, 511 10th Street NW., is restored as it appeared when Lincoln was assassinated there on April 14, 1865. The House Where Lincoln Died, across the street at 516 10th Street NW., preserves the scene of Lincoln's last hours. The theatre, the House Where Lincoln Died, and the Lincoln Museum—located in the basement of Ford's Theatre—all help the visitor to better understand the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. Plays are presented during the winter months. (Ticket information, 347-6260.) During the summer, a sound and light program is avail-

able. The Museum, Theatre and House are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the summer. Winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except that during the play season the Theatre is open only 9 a.m. to noon. For group arrangements, call 381-7256.

Fort Dupont Park: This 400-acre forested parkland, bounded by Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Alabama Avenues SE., is ideal for nature study, hiking, bicycling and relaxation. The park also contains Fort Dupont (a Civil War fortification), picnic area, an 18-hole golf course, and other recreational features. Telephone: 381-7401. Those desiring picnic reservations should call 629-7254.

Fort Washington, Maryland: Located on the Potomac River 6 miles south of Washington, this 341-acre park features the fortification which guarded the river approach to the Nation's Capital for over a century. The park, open from 7:30 a.m. to dark, may be reached via Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway). Turn right onto Fort Washington Road about 4½ miles below Capital Beltway (I-495) and continue 4 miles to park entrance. There is a museum at the drawbridge entrance to the fort. Telephone: 381-7560 or 292-2112.

Glover-Archbold Park: You may enjoy the interesting natural history in this "miniature wilderness" on a walk along the nature trail. It is located at Reservoir Road and 44th St. NW. Telephone: 381-7279.

Grant Memorial: The memorial is located on 1st Street west of the Capitol. This bronze statue by Henry M. Shrady symbolizes General Grant guarding the Capitol that he so nobly helped to save.

Great Falls, Maryland and Virginia: These parks are reached respectively from exits 15 and 13 from the Capital Beltway (I-495), which bridges the Potomac River. Along the Maryland shore is the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The Great Falls Tavern, a canal feature dating from 1830, houses the C. & O. Canal Museum of history and natural history exhibits. Historic film shown daily every hour on the hour. The Great Falls are seen from an overlook about a half-mile walk from the tavern. Conducted walks

June, July, and August, 7 days a week, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Trailside exhibit open May 30 through Labor Day. The museum is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to dark.

In the 800-acre park at Great Falls, Va., are remnants of a skirting canal built by the Potowmack Company dating from 1785. George Washington and other famous Americans were associated with the project. The park is open from 8 a.m. to dark. A parking fee of 50 cents per car is collected. Visitor center exhibits interpret the area. Conducted nature walks June, July and August, 7 days a week, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Nature hikes of 5-mile length on Saturdays at 9 a.m. Telephone: Great Falls, Md., 381-7343; Great Falls, Virginia, 759-2925.

Information Kiosks: The National Park Service maintains eight information booths to assist visitors by giving general information about Washington and its vicinity. The kiosk located on the edge of the Washington Monument parking lot is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The remaining six are open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 1 to September 1, and intermittently from April 1 to June 1, and from September 1 to November 1. These six are located as follows: On the Ellipse; at the Lincoln Memorial; on the Washington Monument grounds along 15th Street; on the Mall in front of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History; at the Grant Memorial at the east end of the Mall; at the Jefferson Memorial, and in Lafayette Park.

Jefferson Memorial: Located on the south shore of the Tidal Basin. Memorial to the third President, Thomas Jefferson—author of the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, and founder of the University of Virginia. Open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight except Christmas Day. Free guided tours of the memorial are conducted by National Park Service Guides during the summer months. These tours, about 15 minutes in length, are given hourly from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For group arrangements, call 381-7230. No admission fee. (Temporarily closed because of construction.)

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens: Anacostia Avenue and Ponds St. NE. (near Kenilworth and Eastern Avenues). Here in verdant riverside pools grow waterlilies, lotuses, and many other aquatic plants.



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Native wildflowers, birds, and aquatic animals add variety and interest to the quiet pools and marshy fringe. Yellow irises begin their colorful display by mid-May followed by the hardy waterlilies blooming in early June. From mid-July until October, lotuses and tropical waterlilies make a show with their varied colors. The gardens are at their best in the morning. Open 7:30 a.m. to dark. Guided walks. Telephone: 381-7560.

Lincoln Memorial: Located at the west end of the Mall. The memorial honors the virtues of tolerance, honesty, and constancy in the human spirit, which were so well exhibited by the Civil War President—Abraham Lincoln. The memorial is open from 8 a.m. to midnight daily. Fifteen-minute free tours are conducted by Park Service Guides hourly from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the summer. For group arrangements, call 381-7309. No admission fee.

The Mall: In his design of the Federal City, Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant envisioned the Mall as a central theme—a beautiful, wide, open area within the very heart of a great city, to be reclaimed from the marshland of Tiber Creek. On L'Enfant's map, the Mall terminated about 125 yards west of the Washington Monument. Since the filling in of more ground, and the erection of the Lincoln Memorial, the Mall has generally been viewed as extending from First Street at the foot of the Capitol grounds to the Lincoln Memorial. Telephone: 381-7315.

Mall Tourmobile Service.—Landmark Services, Inc. operates Tourmobiles for the National Park Service around the West Mall, making stops at the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and the White House, and the East Mall, stopping at the Smithsonian Institution, the Capitol area, the National Gallery of Art, the Museums of Natural History and History and Technology, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The tour starts at the Washington Monument. The fare is \$2.00 for persons 12 and above and \$1.00 for children 2 through 11. (This fare includes unlimited reboarding privileges.)

Service is continuous daily throughout the year, except Christmas Day. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., from April 15 through Labor Day; and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the remainder of the year.

Because of limited parking on the Mall, visitors are advised to take public transportation to a Tourmobile stop on the Mall.

Meridian Hill Park: This Italian Renaissance garden with cascades, pools, and sculptured figures is bordered by 15th, 16th, Euclid and W Streets NW. For information on recreational and cultural activities in the park call National Capital Parks Information, 381-7396, and/or D.C. Recreation Department Information, 629-7226.

Montrose Park: R Street and Avon Place NW. Croquet, basketball, tennis, nursery playground, and picnicking facilities. Telephone: 381-7282.

Old Stone House: This pre-Revolutionary structure in the heart of Georgetown is located at 3051 M Street NW. Personnel on duty describe the house and tell of its history which began in 1765. Tours are conducted continuously throughout the day and special tours for organized groups may be arranged. The house is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, July and August; Wednesday through Sunday the rest of the year. No fee. Telephone: 381-7282 or 381-7283.

Oxon Hill Children's Farm: Located just west of Indian Head Highway on Oxon Hill Road in Oxon Hill, Md., the farm offers visitors on opportunity to see and learn about life on a typical and traditional small farm.

The hay barn, equipment shed, and work room are open; and tools, farm equipment, and machinery are displayed. In the stables and surrounding pens and pastures are examples of most every common farm animal, from chickens to dairy cows. Various farm crops may also be seen in season. Personnel are on duty to explain the interesting features and exhibits and answer questions.

Activities.—Depending on the season and weather, the normal daily activities on the farm may include demonstrations of plowing, planting, cultivating, or hauling with a horse team; feeding of livestock; milking; etc. Special demonstrations such as sheep shearing, garden planting and harvesting are conducted seasonally. Call for specific information. Guided tour and demonstration are available for groups by appointment. Nature hikes are conducted



through the surrounding fields, orchard, and woodlands for the family on Sunday afternoons from April through October; also for children on Thursday mornings from June through August. Picnic facilities are available.

Visiting Hours. October through May, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except weekends and holidays in May and October, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; June through September 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Telephone: 381-7560.

Pierce Mill: This historic mill in Rock Creek Park, at Beach Drive and Park Road, is an interesting example of early 19th-century grist mills. Tours are conducted throughout the day, and special tours for organized groups may be arranged. The mill is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, July and August; Wednesday through Sunday the rest of the year. No fee. Telephone: 381-7284.

Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, Virginia: Located near Quantico, Va., 32 miles south of Washington via Interstate 95 or U.S. 1, this park has facilities for camping, picnicking, nature study, and hiking. Campfire programs and naturalist-conducted walks are scheduled May through September. Telephone: 703-221-7181.

Rock Creek Nature Center: On Glover Road in Rock Creek Park, south of intersection of Military Road and Oregon Avenue NW. This educational development includes a colorful exhibit hall, assembly room and planetarium. Although designed primarily for children, adults also find the exhibits and activities interesting and enjoyable. Park Naturalists are on duty to answer questions and conduct the programs. Admission is free.

Guide Yourself.—Electric quiz games, other unique “work-it-yourself” devices, and live specimens, including an observation beehive, vividly present the story of nature in Rock Creek Park. Outdoors, visitors will find three self-guiding nature trails.

Programs.—Nature programs, featuring scheduled films, talks, and demonstrations, are presented in the assembly room every Saturday and Sunday. Planetarium programs vividly simulate the Washington sky through the use of a special projector and overhead projection dome. Demonstrations are given for groups by appointment during the morning and early after-

noon Monday through Friday, and to the general public every weekend and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Consult the current quarterly Nature Center schedule for specific information.

Visiting Hours.—Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, March through November, 12 noon to 6 p.m.; December through February, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Telephone: 381-7367.

Nature Walks of 45-minute duration are conducted by Park Naturalists from the Rock Creek Nature Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday the year around.

Sylvan Theater: This is an outdoor amphitheater on the Washington Monument grounds. The schedules of Shakespeare plays and District of Columbia Recreation Department programs are not available at this time. *Watch newspapers for specific dates.* Telephone: 381-7333.

Theodore Roosevelt Island: The island and impressive memorial honor the 26th U.S. President, an ardent conservationist. Accessible by pedestrian causeway from parking lot on George Washington Memorial Parkway north of Arlington Memorial Bridge. Open 9:30 a.m. to dark. Conducted walks at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily in summer. Telephone: 381-7417 or 7571.

U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial): On Arlington Ridge Road near Arlington National Cemetery. Sunset reviews by Marines, Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m., June through August. Special program November 10, 11 a.m. Telephone: 381-7417.

Washington Monument: This dominant landmark on the skyline of Washington, D.C. at the west side of the Mall is a fitting memorial to the Father of Our Country—who made so great a contribution to the development of our Nation. The Monument, constructed between 1848 and 1884, was the first major presidential memorial built in the city. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight, from March 20 through Labor Day, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the remainder of the year except Christmas Day. Elevator charge of 10 cents for all persons 16 years of age or over. Telephone: 381-7273.

Watergate Theater: This outdoor theater is located on the Potomac River near the Lincoln Memorial, at the D.C. end of Arlington Memorial Bridge. Parking is available on nearby streets and park drives. Admission to concerts on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings during June, July, and August (except June 2, 4 and 5 and August 27) is free. Telephone: 381-7333.

White House: The best-known residential address in the Nation—1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Visitors may join a public tour at the East Gate of the White House Grounds, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon. Saturday hours may be extended to 2 p.m. during the summer. No admission fee. For information call 381-7315.



Recreational and Cultural Activities

Art Fair: The Art Fair to be held June 5-14 in the President's Park, 15th and E Streets NW., is sponsored by the District of Columbia Recreation Department, *The Washington Post*, and the National Park Service. Residents of the Washington metropolitan area may enter their art work. Telephone: 381-7333 or 629-7378 or -7406.

Barge Trips, C. & O. Canal:

From 30th Street, one block south of M Street, in Georgetown: May 2-November 1—Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10 a.m.; 2 p.m.

These trips are 2 to 2½ hours long. Fee: \$1.50, adults; 90 cents for children age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance by mailing checks to Government Services, Inc., 1135 21st Street NW., Washington, D. C. 20036 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Telephone: FE 7-8080.

Groups may charter the barge for private parties on evenings from May 2 through November 1. Telephone: FE 7-8080, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From Great Falls Tavern (Md.)

Every hour on the hour, April 5 through October 25, Sundays and holidays. Three-mile, one-hour trip. Adults, \$1.25; children, 12 and under, 75¢. Tickets are purchased at the barge—no advance reservations.

Bicycling: Bicycles for use along the C. & O. Canal towpath are for rent at Fletcher's Boat House, 4940 Canal Road, NW. 20007; 50¢ an hour; \$3.00 a day. Telephone: 966-9677. Also at Seneca, Md.

A bicycle trail about 4 miles in length between Fort Mahan and Fort Davis in southeast D.C. is open for use. Another trail, about 5 miles in length round trip, runs north from Military Road and Oregon Avenue in Rock Creek Park. Another, about 1 mile in length, runs from Bingham Drive to Joyce

Road along Beach Drive in the park. Bicycles are for rent in Rock Creek Park (Telephone 381-7279) and at East Potomac Park (Telephone 381-7315).

A trail in Lady Bird Johnson Park, 1.2 miles long, runs between the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the river from 14th Street Bridge to Arlington Memorial Bridge.

Boating and Canoeing:

Columbia Island Marina, north of 14th Street Bridge. Berthing and launching of powerboats (Telephone: DIstrict 7-0173).

Tidal Basin. Canoes, rowboats, and pedal boats for hire from early April until June 1—9:30 a.m. to dark weekends only; from June 1 to Labor Day—daily 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; from Labor Day to Oct. 31—9:30 a.m. to dark weekends only. Also Swan Boat rides. Telephone: STerling 3-9562.

Washington Sailing Marina, George Washington Memorial Parkway south of National Airport. Rentals, berthing, and drydock storage of sailboats. Telephone: 548-0038.

Harry T. Thompson Boat Center, Virginia Avenue and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway NW. Rowing and canoeing activities, including high school and intercollegiate competition; canoes, launching ramps for canoes, lockers, and rowboats available for rent; storage for canoes and kayaks. Open all year. Telephone: FEderal 3-9711 or FEderal 3-4861.

Swain's Lock on the C. & O. Canal at 10700 Swain's Lock Road (reached via River Road—Md. Route 190). Canoes and rowboats for hire. Telephone: AX. 9-9006.

Fletcher's Boathouse on C. & O. Canal at 4940 Canal Road N.W. Canoes and rowboats for rent. Telephone: 966-9677.

Gravelly Point, on George Washington Memorial Parkway north of National Airport. Free launching ramps and parking. Telephone: 381-7417.

Anacostia Park, north of Sousa Bridge on Anacostia Drive. Free launching ramps and parking. Telephone: 381-7401.

Camping: (Trailer) Prince William Trailer Village is near Dumfries, Va., about 32 miles south of Washington, and 2.1 miles off Interstate 95 on Route 234.

Charge for use of sites is \$3 a night, with electricity only, and \$3.50 a night with sewer, water, and electricity. Trailers up to 30 feet long can be accommodated. Reservations accepted. Write to Prince William Trailer Village, Post Office Box 221A, Rural Route 1, Dumfries, Va., or call area code 703, 221-1353.

Tent Camping.—The Oak Ridge Campground at Prince William Forest Park is designed for tents, tent-trailer campers, and other small camping units. Reservations are not accepted. The campground is located 6½ miles west of the main park entrance near Triangle, Va. Campfire programs are held nightly in the campground during summer months.

The Turkey Run Ridge Campground, 3.4 miles from the main park entrance, is for group tent campers. Make advance reservations with the Superintendent, Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, Va. Telephone: Area code 703, 221-7181.

There is a campground fee for persons 16 years of age or older at both campgrounds.

Tent Camping.—At Greenbelt Park, Md., 12 miles northeast of Washington, off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, there are 178 campsites. There is a campground fee. No reservations are made. Telephone: Area code 202, 381-7445.

Tents and trailers are accommodated at the Owens Creek Campground, Catocin Mountain Park. No utility hook-ups are available. Trailers up to 22 feet can be accommodated. There is a campground fee. Open from April 15 through October 31. Telephone: Area code 301, 824-2574. Programs are presented each Friday and Saturday evening by the Rangers.

The Oxon Run Group Camp in Oxon Run Parkway is available to organized groups of 50 children. Sponsoring groups must make reservations by calling 381-7401.

Carillon Concerts: The Netherlands Carillon is south of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington. Concerts by guest carillonneurs each Sunday at 3 p.m., April through September, each Tuesday from June through August 2 at 6:15 p.m. and also at 3 p.m. on May 5 (Liberation of Netherlands Day), May 30 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day), September 2 (Labor Day), and November 11 (Veterans' Day). Telephone: 381-7417. Free.



Cricket Matches: Polo Field in West Potomac Park between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River. Sponsored by the British Commonwealth Cricket Club and the George Washington University each Saturday and Sunday July to October. Telephone: EMer-son 2-9287 or 524-1474.

Day Camps: Park Naturalists cooperate with District of Columbia Recreation Department camp leaders to provide interesting outdoor experiences. For information and applications, contact the Recreation Department, 3149 16th Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20010. Free. Telephone: 629-7537.

Exploring and Photographing the Sky: Members of the National Capital Astronomers bring their telescopes to events mentioned in the monthly listings and conduct "guided tours" of the heavens. If you wish to take telescopic pictures, bring your cameras loaded with film of A.S.A. speed 200 or higher. Bring your pictures to future programs to show and compare. On cloudy or rainy evenings, illustrated talks on astronomy are given in the Rock Creek Nature Center. Astronomy outings are held at Picnic Grove 16 west of the Nature Center, Rock Creek Park.

Fishing: No license required for fishing in the Potomac River or the C. & O. Canal south of Chain Bridge. Maryland license required to fish in the River and Canal above the District line for anyone over 16 years of age. At Catoctin Mountain Park, a Maryland fishing license is required. A Virginia license for anyone over 16 years of age is required for fishing in Prince William Forest Park.

Golf: Public courses in East Potomac Park, south of 14th Street; Fort Dupont Park, Minnesota Avenue and Randle Circle SE.; Langston Park, 25th Street and Benning Road NE.; Rock Creek Park, near 16th and Rittenhouse Streets NW. Miniature golf facilities and a driving range at East Potomac Park. Operated by S. G. Leoffler Co. under contract with the National Park Service. Telephone: EXecutive 3-7325.

Hikes: Longer, more difficult walks are conducted by Park Naturalists in March, April, October, and November. Dress appropriately for these outdoor adventures by wearing sturdy shoes and comfortable

clothing. Telephone: 381-7367 or 381-7279 or consult monthly listings.

Guided hikes at Catoctin Mountain Park are scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturdays, May 23 to September 5. Stop at Park Visitor Center for information.

Hiking Areas: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Towpath. Also rugged trails along Potomac Gorge, near Great Falls, on both sides of river. Trail along the Potomac between Windy Run and Spout Run connects with Arlington County trail system. Turkey Run Recreation Area has short stretches of trail.

At the Rock Creek Nature Center, there are three self-guiding nature trails. An extensive system of hiking trails through Rock Creek Park is also easily accessible from the Nature Center. The Park Naturalists on duty will be glad to give you detailed hiking information.

There are marked hiking trails at Catoctin Mountain Park and Prince William Forest Park.

Horseback Riding: Bridle trails are available in Rock Creek Park and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway.

Rock Creek Valley. (Edgewater Stables). Rock Creek Parkway NW., under Taft Bridge. (Moving to site near Nature Center in early summer.) Hiring and boarding of horses, instruction. Telephone: 667-6676.

Rock Creek Stables, Glover Road south of Military Road and Oregon Avenue NW., in Rock Creek Park. Hiring and boarding of horses, instruction, and guided trail rides. Telephone: EMerson 2-0117.

Jogging Trails: A 2-mile jogging trail runs through Anacostia Park from near South Capitol Street past the Sousa Bridge (Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge).

One-mile jogging trails are marked in upper Rock Creek Park, beginning and ending at Sherrill Drive and 16th Street NW.; in Glover-Archbold Park, from the intersection of Reservoir Road and 44th Street NW. to New Mexico Avenue NW., and along Ohio Drive on Hains Point in East Potomac Park, from Buckeye Drive to the end of the Point.

Permits for *Archery, Baseball, Football, Horseshoes, Picnicking, Softball, Soccer,* and use of other recreational facilities in the District of Columbia can be



secured from the District of Columbia Recreation Department, 3149 16th Street NW., upon written request or application in person. Telephone: 629-7254.

Picnicking: Facilities are available at various locations. Telephone 381-7417 for permits for group picnics at Fort Hunt on the Mount Vernon Highway about 3 miles north of Mount Vernon, and Carderock Recreation Area, C. & O. Canal, on George Washington Memorial Parkway, Md., one mile north of exit 15 on Interstate 495. Telephone 629-7254 for information on permits for Rock Creek and Fort Dupont Parks in D.C.; telephone 381-7560 for group permits at Fort Washington, Md. Sites open for family use on a first-come, first-served basis, include Fort Washington, Rock Creek Park, Turkey Run Recreation Area, Carderock Recreation Area, Fort Hunt, Great Falls, Virginia and Maryland, the George Washington Memorial Parkway south of Alexandria, and Prince William Forest Park.

Pony Rides. A pony ring located in West Potomac Park is open from 10 a.m. to dark on weekends when weather permits. 35¢ for 2 laps around ring. Telephone: FE. 7-8080.

President's Cup Regatta. Powerboat races will be held June 6 and 7 and sailboat races in September on the Potomac River off Hains Point and at the Washington Sailing Marina south of the National Airport, respectively. Watch newspapers or call 381-7333.

Restaurant—Little Hatchet Tavern, Mount Vernon, Virginia, serves breakfasts ranging in price from 75¢ to \$1.35, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. daily; 5-course luncheons at \$2.00 and sandwiches, salad plates and chef's specials ranging from 55¢ to \$1.35 served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. Telephone: 780-1010.

"Summer in the Parks": The National Park Service is again offering a program of recreational and educational activities designed for persons of all ages. "Summer in the Parks" events include dances, concerts, puppet shows, art and pottery instruction, and outdoor movies in several community parks. The following areas were selected by the Neighborhood Planning Councils as community parks:

Ft. Slocum	Madison St. & Kansas Ave. NW.
Ft. Reno	Fessenden & Chesapeake Sts. & Nebr. Ave.
Hardy Plgd.	45th & Q Sts. NW.
Piney Branch	Piney Branch Pkwy. & 16th St. Bridge NW.
Ft. Bunker Hill	Bet. 13th & 14th Sts., Perry Pl. NE.
Ft. Circle Dr.	Gallaway & 8th Sts. NE.
Meridian Hill	16th, Euclid & W St. NW.
Dunbar	Bet. N & O Sts. & 1st & 3rd Sts. NW.
Kalorama	Kalorama & Col. Rd. & 19th St. NW.
"P" St. Bridge	"P" St. Bridge & 23rd St. NW.
Langdon	18th, 20th & Franklin Sts. NE.
Wheatley Plgd.	Montello Ave. & Morse St. NE.
Lincoln Park	East Capitol St. bet. 11th & 13th Sts.
Ft. Mahan	Benning Rd. bet. 42nd & Grant Sts. NE.
Anacostia	Vicinity of Pool & Recreation Bldg., South of Sousa Bridge SE.
Oxon Run Pkwy.	13th & Mississippi Ave. SE.

"Summer in the Parks" also sponsors a series of noon-hour concerts featuring top local musical groups as well as talented Washington school children. These concerts are held in the following downtown parks:

McPherson	15th & K St. NW.
Rawlins	18th & E St. NW.
Farragut	17th & K St. NW.
Pershing	15th & Penn. Ave. NW.

"Surprise Trips" operate on a daily basis, bussing inner-city children to outlying parks such as Ft. Washington; Carderock; Great Falls, Va.; C. & O. Canal; Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens; National Zoo, and Oxon Hill Children's Farm.

Scattered throughout the summer are "Special Events" open to the public and designed to appeal to almost everyone. They will be shown in the monthly calendar of events.

In addition, "Summer in the Parks" will also operate camping programs at Oxon Run Camping Grounds and Catoctin Mountain Park.

For further information about "Summer in the Parks" programs, telephone 381-7669.





Swimming. Public swimming pools are located at Anacostia Park, between the Sousa and Anacostia Bridges SW.; Banneker Recreation Center, 2500 Georgia Avenue NW.; Douglass Community Center, 19th Street and Stanton Terrace SE.; Randall Recreation Center, South Capitol Street between G and K Streets SW.; Kelly-Miller Recreation Center, 49th and 50th Streets north of Washington Place NE.; Eckington Recreation Center, Lincoln Road, 2d, R and T Streets NE.; East Potomac Park; Fort Stanton Park, 18th and Erie Streets SE.; Francis Recreation Center, 26th and N Streets NW.; Oxon Run Recreation Center, 6th Street and Mississippi Avenue SE.; Takoma Recreation Center, 4th and Van Buren Streets NW. Call 629-7633 for information about rates and hours.

Tennis. Permits for free courts can be secured from District of Columbia Recreation Department, 3149 16th Street NW. Telephone: 629-7254. Pay courts in East Potomac Park and Rock Creek Park at 16th and Kennedy Streets NW., and on Park Road near Beach Drive NW., operated by Government Services, Inc. Telephone: FEderal 7-8080. Both hard-surfaced and clay courts are available.

Torchlight Tattoos. These popular military pageants presented in past years at the Jefferson Memorial may be held at another location this year. Information not available at this printing. Check the newspapers, or telephone 381-7333.

(See also: **Carter Barron Amphitheatre**, **Meridian Hill Park**, **Sylvan Theater**, and **Watergate** in "Park Information".)

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